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From the Editor's shed



Hello everyone, and welcome to the summer/autumn edition of Inside Eyke. As is usual at this time of the year, we include lots of

lovely pictures of people enjoying themselves at the fete. This year's fete was a fantastic success: as you will probably already have learnt from All Saints News, the sum raised for the church and the village hall was a whopping £2,263.70. Thanks as ever to the Briginshaws for their generosity (their garden looked truly spectacular this year), and to all the stallholders and helpers. A word about our resident saxophonist, Tim Sadler. Tim does a huge amount to set the relaxed and lively mood of the fete, and asks for next to nothing in return; we have featured him on the cover by way of saying thank you to him. Among other things in this issue we also have an interview with Sam Clayton, Eyke's newest parish councillor, a report on the schoolchildren's day down on the farm (a big thank you to Jeff Hallett of the Suffolk Punch Trust, who kindly allowed us to use his pictures of the day), and a few other bits and



pieces besides. For our next issue, due towards the end of the year, we plan to run an art competition among some of the older children of Eyke school – with the winning artwork to be reproduced as the cover of the magazine. An exciting prospect for a budding young artist! Details will be announced through the school soon...

Best wishes to all. ❁

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Bark the date - Strictly Come Barking



Eyke Parish Council are organising a fun dog show, 'Strictly Come Barking', to be held at Eyke House on Sunday 13 September at 2.30pm. Among other things there will be awards for the waggiest tail and the longest ears - canine, not human.

For the humans, there will be a Cream Tea. £2 entry at the gate, £1 entry per dog class, 50p for under-12s. All proceeds go towards funding the new playground equipment for Eyke Rec. Everyone welcome, with or without a furry friend. Please email Isabelle at iahejleh@aol.co.uk if you (and/or your dog) will be coming.

Sticky Chicken with toasted sesame Maria Hassan

So another year has passed and we've been on our six-week holidays, yay! Not long now and there will be a row of new faces ready to start their school journey. I for one love meeting them and serving their first school meal (they all get it for free nowadays) at Big School.

At Eyke we take the softly, softly approach with our newbies. Cutting the food up into little mouth-sized portions, allowing them to come in before the 'big kids' arrive and encouraging (never forcing!) them to try new foods. So if there are any worried parents out there, please don't be, myself and the dinner team are quite a nice bunch really :-). Here is a recipe my children love and is easy enough to make



Ingredients

- 3tbsp honey
- 3tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 3tbsp soy sauce
- 30g toasted sesame seeds
- 680g chicken breasts, cut into 1" cubes

Method

1. Mix together the honey, vinegar and soy sauce. Toss the chicken cubes in the mix to coat thoroughly, and leave to stand for at

least 30 minutes in the fridge.

2. Heat a frying pan, add the chicken cubes and marinade. Cook on a high heat for about 20 minutes, until all the liquid has absorbed into the chicken. Stir regularly to prevent burning.

3. When the chicken is thoroughly cooked, sprinkle on the toasted sesame seeds and serve with potato wedges and salad.

SCHOOL LEAVERS



Tuesday 21 July marked a milestone day in a number of young lives – their very last day at Eyke school. The leavers put on a mime show with the theme of 'Growth' for their teachers and parents, Mrs Scurrell told them how proud the school was of them as she wished them well for the future, and the Rev Janice Leaver led prayers. As is traditional, each child was presented with a book of their own choice by Eyke Charities, the presentations being made by Sarah Veale and Tim Marr. Best of luck to all the leavers as they move onto the next step in their educational career.

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Forties Afternoon Tea

On August 15th, the Millennium Group organised a Forties Style Afternoon Tea, to celebrate 70 years since VJ Day, and the end of World War Two.

Dressed as Joe Lyons “nippies”, the group served tea, sandwiches and cake to 38 people in Eyke Village Hall, which was suitably decorated for the occasion.

Those attending most generously provided delicious sandwiches, cakes and other delicacies and the hall buzzed with conversation and laughter, with music of the era playing in the background.

Tables at the side displayed memorabilia from the time, including a diary entry for August 15th 1945 by Eyke resident Mrs Alice Hatcher, which simply read:

“Peace in all the world proclaimed today.” **Jackie Pooley**





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Primary Farm Day

Rowena Doble, Eyke School teacher

Rather than being in the classroom for the day, on Friday June 26th Eyke Primary schoolchildren visited Kinsland farm where they found out how farming has changed through the ages. Local exhibitors showed children tractors from different eras, and dogs rounding up ducks and geese. They learned how endangered Suffolk Punches are and which part of a cow they get their meat from – they were even given the opportunity to have a go at milking. The children enjoyed cuddling the lamb triplets brought in by Suffolk Wildlife Trust and fed a pair of pygmy goats. The children had a fantastic day and their thanks go to Mrs Glockling for liaising with the exhibitors who gave up their day voluntarily.





Meet your new Parish Councillor Sam Clayton



Sam Clayton is Eyke's newest parish councillor, and will attend his very first meeting on 14 September. He was born in Walthamstow, London in 1967 and was adopted at the age of six weeks by a farming couple. Brought up in the Fens, he attended Easton Agricultural College. He was married for 13 years but is now divorced, and he works as a long-distance lorry driver. His partner is Laura, who lives and works in Holt, Norfolk, but now of course spends a considerable amount of her time in Eyke. The couple first met at Easton, where Laura was then the manager of the pig unit; all these years later they finally got back together through the magic of the Internet...

We thought we would fire a few questions at Sam and try to get to know him a little better.

What is your current state of mind?

I'm feeling a little trepidation... about this interview and about joining the parish council!

Which living person do you most admire?

Peter Nash – a wonderful fellow. He's done a lot, he knows a lot, and I admire the way he conducts himself.

What is your most treasured possession?

My daughter, Hannah.

When and where were you happiest?

When Hannah first came home – we

adopted her at 10 months.

What is your most obvious characteristic?
Humour.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Self-doubt.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Unfounded arrogance.

What is your greatest extravagance?
Beer.

What is your favourite journey?

The journey home. Coming home is always special.

Which words or phrases do you most over-use?

'You know'.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I would like to be more optimistic, more of a 'glass half-full' kind of person.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Adopting Hannah.

Where would you most like to live?

At the moment, I think Gothenburg, in Sweden.

What do you value most in your friends?

Honesty.

What is your motto, the words you live by or that mean a lot to you?

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

My belly.

What do you consider the most over-rated virtue?

Political correctness.

What is the quality you most admire in a man?

Old-fashioned gentlemanliness – being straightforward, genuine, carrying yourself correctly.

What is the quality you most admire in a woman?

Strength. Mental, not physical!

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